

Report 1877 M. Hall

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

FINANCES

OF THE

TOWN OF SANDWICH,

BY THE

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS,

ALSO

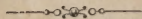
*Report of the Assessors and Overseers of the
Poor.*

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 1, 1878.

AND

Superintendent of Public Schools

FOR 1877-8.



SANDWICH:
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1878.

TOWN OFFICERS OF SANDWICH, 1877.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

H. G. O. ELLIS.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

H. G. O. ELLIS, ISAIAH FISH, CHARLES DILLINGHAM.

Auditors.

REUBEN COLLINS, GEORGE HARTWELL, I. N. KEITH.

School Committee.

CHARLES H. BURGESS, 2d, JOHN H. STEVENS, FREDERIC B. HOLWAY,
DAVID ARMSTRONG, HIRAM CROWELL, *SARAH T. McLAUGHLIN,
*WM. C. CHIPMAN, *ANDREW T. HARLOW, STILLMAN S. RYDER,
DAVIS PERRY, *NATHANIEL BURGESS, CHAS. J. WOOD, *AARON L.
BURGESS, *ISAIAH FISH,
CHARLES DILLINGHAM, Supt.

Truant Officers.

CHARLES F. FREEMAN, JEDEDIAH BRIGGS, EZRA T. POPE, DAVID
D. NYE, JAMES KEENAN, SAMUEL H. NYE, ABRAM KEENE, CHAS.
H. BURGESS, 2d, E. C. PERCIVAL, F. G. STILPHEN.

Constables.

EZRA T. POPE, MICAH TINKHAM, MOSES SWIFT, WILLIAM A. NYE,
W. E. BRAMAN, S. H. PERRY, O. R. SWIFT, RUSSELL BLACKWELL,
F. G. STILPHEN.

Pound Keepers.

ROBERT COLE, CALVIN REDDING, MICAH TINKHAM, Z. W. WRIGHT.

Fire Wards.

ROBERT COLE, ANTHONY LITTLE, E. C. HOWARD, NATHANIEL BUR-
GESS, Z. F. CHADWICK, JAMES KEENAN, DAVID H. BAKER, CHIPMAN
FISH, DAVID D. NYE, JEDEDIAH BRIGGS, MATTHIAS SMITH, FRED-
ERIC DIMMICK, HIRAM CROWELL, SOLOMON C. HOWLAND, ABRAM
KEENE, WM. E. BOYDEN, R. J. RYDER, I. K. CHIPMAN, SALATHIEL
H. PERRY, H. S. BLACKWELL, G. HOWLAND, WAYMAN S. SWIFT.

Board of Health.

WM. M. BASS, JOHN W. HOBART, JOHN H. STEVENS.

Surveyors of Highways.

P. H. ROBINSON, JOSEPH EWER, S. H. NYE, S. B. WING, WM. SWIFT,
J. KEENAN, B. LOVELL, I. N. KEITH, J. BRIGGS, S. S. RYDER, B. S.
COVILL, T. M. ELDRIDGE, S. S. BURGESS, W. A. BARLOW, D. D.
NYE, CHIPMAN FISH, EBENEZER C. JONES, S. B. JONES.

Collector of Taxes.

S. C. HOWLAND.

*Term expires in 1878.

FINANCES OF SANDWICH.



The Committee chosen to audit the accounts of the several Town Officers for the year ending Feb. 1st 1878, having lost one of their number, the late lamented Reuben Collins, and no provision being made for filling the vacancy, entered upon their duties, and having attended to same, respectfully

REPORT

that the Town Treasurer has paid bills due from the town to the number of 531 for which he has satisfactory vouchers, the total amount paid including State Aid, being \$28,279.23. To avoid repetition, the Committee while making a *full* report, and iteming so far as possible, have made no subdivision of the Pauper Account, as any separation made by them would necessarily be imperfect in some respects, and the Overseers of Poor render a full report embracing expense for Alms House and cost of maintenance of inmates, also total cost of each individual receiving outside assistance, while the Superintendent of Schools also makes his usual full, interesting and comprehensive report, giving in detail the different items and total cost of the various schools, also cost of the new school houses built during the year.

Appropriations for 1877.

For Schools,	\$8,500 00
Paupers,	5,000 00
Roads,	2,500 00
New Roads,	1,000 00
Repairs on Town Hall,	* 300 00
Payment of Note,	900 00
Contingent Expenses,	2,500 00
Overlayings,	368 36
Total,	<hr/> \$21,068 36

School Bills.

The total amount of School bills paid during the year ending Feb. 1st 1878, which includes the building of new school houses at Wakeby and Spring Hill, and rebuilding as good as new at Scorton, also extraordinary repairs at Monument and West Sandwich, is \$11,794 51

From which are to be deducted the Massachusetts

School Fund,	\$220 77	
Dog Fund,	266 59	487 36
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		\$11,307 15

For items of expense and cost of the several new school houses, also cost of maintaining the various schools, refer to the exhaustive and comprehensive report of Superintendent of Schools.

Pauper Account.

Including alms house and outside aid rendered, for classification and total amount furnished individuals, refer to report of Overseers of Poor.

^{1877.}		
Feb.	Cash pd. Town of Canton, supplies to Ruth Hinckley, 1876,	\$37 00
	City of Cambridge, supplies to Eliza A. Ball, 1876,	9 32
	Seth O. Ellis, digging graves, &c., 1876,	17 75
	W. M. Bass, medical attendance, Mrs. Eldridge,	7 50
	H. B. Chase & Sons, 50 bushels of corn,	39 00
	H. D. Tobey, wood for Town Hall, &c.,	5 37
	Howes, Crocker & Co., 5 bbls. flour,	41 63
	C. H. Burgess & Sons., goods to Mrs. Creach,	24 00
	Chas. B. Hall, medicines,	2 97
Mar.	R. Collins, wood to Moses Nye,	1 88
	" " " " Wm. Estes,	3 75
	" " " " Isaac Robbins,	3 75
	" " " " Frank Haskell,	3 75
	Howes, Crocker & Co., 6 bbls. flour,	49 42
	R. Cole, hearse for Levi Harris,	1 50
	Jesse F. Allen, board of Dolly Nye,	17 99
	Mrs. Charles W. Burgess, for services family Mrs.	.
	Hiram T. Gray,	25 50
	F. H. Burgess, coffins and robes for J. White and	
	Dolly Nye,	28 25
	F. C. Ellis, for shoeing oxen,	3 50
	Catherine Riley, for rent J. Beck,	9 00

Apr.	Mary Shevlin, rent M. Hoey,	11 00
	Hannah Anderson, nurse Nancy Eldridge,	38 00
	H. B. Chase & Son., 50 bu. corn,	34 00
	Elijah Hancock, services supt. of almshouse, from	
	Jan 1st to April 1st,	75 00
	" " for sundries furnished inmates,	6 36
	H. Lovell, house rent Sarah Shuster,	9 75
	A. L. Phinney, board and care of Edgar E. Grinnell, during sickness Jan. and Feb. 1876,	110 00
	Asa Raymond, for supplies to Jane Wright, \$2 21	
	" " " cash to A. Lumbert, board 6 00	
	" " " supplies to Thos. Adams, 12 00	
	" " " " " E. Raymond, 12 00	32 21
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	Town of Wareham, for supplies to B. McManaman, 1876-7,	71 01
	A. A. Duffy, rent for Wm. Dalton,	5 00
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Abigail N. N. Fox, \$97 55	
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Julia McHugh,	49 30
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Joseph Edwards,	45 88
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Mary Smith,	49 90 242 63
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	C. C. Jenkins, for one pair working oxen,	145 00
	Elijah Hancock, for expense to New Bedford after Mrs. Ware,	2 73
	Joshua Jones, for sundries,	3 50
	Isaac Small, Jr., for goods to Moses Nye, \$5 60	
	" " " " "	
	Mrs. Frank Haskell,	12 00
	Isaac Small, Jr., for goods to H. C. Nye,	11 25 28 85
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	J. B. H. Rodgers, for board of Frank Lovell,	10 00
	E. B. Nye, for 50 bundles of straw, \$5 00	
	" " " " wood to Nancy Eldridge,	5 00 10 00
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	L. E. Briggs, for goods to J. Wood & Dolly Nye,	5 49
	F. H. Burgess, coffin and robe for Robert Swanzey,	11 75
	" " " " for Mrs. McGuinney,	9 00

May	Nathaniel H. Fish, filing saws,	2	40
	Boyd, Leeds & Co., ore bhd. molasses	62	85
	Isaac Quinnell, for house rent of Zenas Hoxie,	4	50
	B. B. Briggs, paid on acct. of Alfred Morris' family,	32	00
	C. J. Wood for med'l attend'ce on Levi Harris, 1876,	87	00
	Swain, Earle & Co., one chest of tea,	14	35
	Asa Meiggs, for 7 cords of wood,	35	00
	Jesse Allen, for white-washing at almshouse,	2	50
June	Horace Lovell, for house rent for Sarah Shuster,	75	
	Catherine Riley, for house rent for James Beck,	6	50
	Sarah Montague, for care of wife of James Beck,	5	00
	W. M. Bass, med'l attend'ce Nancy Eldridge,	1	25
	" " " " " Mrs. A. Shuster,	1	00
	" " " " " Dolly Nye,	1	75
		4	00
	J. B. H. Rodgers, for board of Frank Lovell,	8	00
Aug.	" " " " " house rent for		
	Mrs. Shuster,	5	25
		13	25
	Allen Shapleigh & Co, for one chest of tea,	13	12
	S. C. Burbank, for two bbls. crackers,	8	40
	James Keenan, for house rent of Anna Swanzy,	36	00
	W. M. Bass, for medical attendance family of		
	J. M. Holway,	10	00
	E. S. Whittemore, for house rent of M. Chadbourne,	25	50
	Elijah Hancock, for services as supt. of almshouse,	75	00
	Taylor, Thomas, & Co., for dry goods,	34	47
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and		
	clothing Abigail N. N. Fox,	\$49	65
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and		
	clothing Julia McHugh,	47	20
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and		
	clothing Joseph Edwards,	45	50
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and		
	clothing Mary Smith,	51	36
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and		
	clothing, Sarah A. Nickerson,	25	25
		218	96
	Town of Marion, for supplies to C. Burgess and		
	family, 1876-7,	110	00
	Seth O. Ellis, for digging graves, &c.,	23	25

Aug.	Town of Brewster, exp's on acct. of J. M. Whitley,	13	40	
	Catherine Riley, for rent of house for Jas. Beck,	6	50	
	W. F. Lapham, suppl's to John McLaney, \$26	50		
	" " " " James Beck,	22	00	
	" " " " M. Hoey,	2	00	
	" " " " Wm. Dalton,	12	00	
	" " " " M. Chadbourne,	29	00	91 50
	Chas. Dillingham, for wood to Nancy Eldridge,	7	50	
	Boyd, Leeds & Co, sugar and rice for almshouse,	31	51	
	E. O. Parker, for care of tramps, 44 meals at 25c,	11	00	
	C. H. Burgess, rent for Ann Malia,	15	00	
	H. B. Chase & Sons, 100 bushels of corn,	78	00	
	F. H. Burgess, for robe and coffin,	8	75	
	Howes, Crocker & Co., flour, butter, beef, &c.,	232	24	
Oct.	Elijah Hancock, for services as supt. of almshouse,	75	00	
	S. H. Perry, for wood to Mrs. Estes,	4	00	
	B. F. Thurston. supp's to Mrs. Ann Malia, \$18	00		
	" " " " Zenas Hoxie,	4	00	
	" " " " James Beck,	7	83	
	" " " " Simeon Chase,	64	75	94 58
	Howes, Scudder & Co., for butter,	11	75	
	Alfred Morris, for house rent for Mrs. Shuster,	20	00	
	A. F. Swift, for goods to Mrs. Estes,	43	50	
	Benj. S. Covell, for board of Frank J. Dill's child,	25	71	
	J. B. H. Rodgers, for board of Frank Lovell,	17	00	
	John O'Connell, for 3 pigs,	12	00	
	John Murray, 2d, for coat for H. Ewer,	5	00	
	A. A. Duffy, for house rent for W. Dalton,	14	50	
	Philip Shevlin, for house rent for M. Hoey,	13	00	
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Abigail N. N. Fox, \$46	60		
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Julia McHugh,	50	30	
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Joseph Edwards,	46	60	
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Mary Smith,	50	98	
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing, Sarah A. Nickerson,	46	40	

	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing to Chas. Hamblin, 1876,	239 00	
	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing to Chas. Hamblin, 1877,	44 85	524 73
	Asa Raymond, clothing and board for J. Wright,	20 05	
	" " goods to T. Adams,	25 00	
	" " " Mrs. C. Raymond,	25 00	70 05
	G. Howland, lumber and labor, at almshouse,	125 94	
	Howes, Scudder & Co., 1 bbl. beef,	15 25	
	Old Colony Railroad, for freight,	22 61	
Nov.	B. & S. Glass Co., coal for Mrs. Gilman,	5 50	
	" " " " almshouse,	13 75	
	" " rent for W. Dalton, '76,	5 00	
	" " " Mrs. J. Dalton, '76,	65 00	
	" " " F. McParlin, '76,	48 75	
	" " " M. Chadbourne, '76,	8 75	146 75
	C. H. Burgess & Son, supp's to Mrs. Creach,	80 00	
	" " " " E. Montague,	5 00	
	" " " sundries to almshouse,	30 96	115 96
	F. H. Burgess, 3 iron bedsteads,	15 75	
	The Boston Store, dry goods,	4 46	
	Howes, Crocker & Co., flour, fish, &c.,	106 25	
	Reuben Collins, rent and wood for Mrs. Estes,	54 75	
	B. B. Briggs, paint, &c., for almshouse,	19 27	
	H. V. Spurr & Son, supplies to M. Hoey,	14 00	
	" " " " P. Braley,	34 00	
	" " " " M. McParlin,	53 00	101 00
	C. M. & F. Clark, supplies to Mrs. Gilman,	8 00	
	" " corn, meal, lime, &c.,	19 32	27 32
	O. R. Swift, supplies, to Mrs. Haskell,	18 00	
	" " " I. Robbins,	21 00	
	" " Express on coffin,	75	
	" " " Mrs. Estes,	9 00	
	" " sundries,	9 17	57 92
	City of Somerville, aid to E. F. Montague & family,	25 00	

Dec.	Town of West Bridgewater, aid to J. D. Wright		
	and family,	31	00
	City of Cambridge, aid to Eliza A. Ball,	18	48
	Town of Canton, supplies for Ruth Hinckley,	42	03
	Oliver Bassett, 12½ cords of wood,	37	50
	Howes, Crocker & Co., flour, &c.,	45	88
	Commonwealth of Mass. for Alfred Reardon,	49	00
	G. Howland, lumber and labor on almshouse,	19	47
	J. C. C. Ellis, sundries,	15	21
	J. B. H. Rodgers, board of F. Lovell,	12	00
	Briggs & Shattuck, 1 bbl. sugar,	23	84
	Town of Easton, supplies to A. Gibbs,	47	00
	F. U. Lovell, work at almshouse,	3	00
	S. Burbank, crackers,	4	01
	S. M. Jones, 10 cords of wood,	25	00
	Howes, Scudder & Co., beef, coffee, &c.,	26	65
	C. H. Burgess, rent for Annie Malia,	15	00
	E. C. Percival, 15 cords of wood,	37	50
	A. B. Dillingham, 7½ cords of wood,	26	25
	W. F. Lapham, supp's Mrs. J. McLaney,	10	00
	“ “ “ Wm. Dalton,	13	50
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	E Hancock, services as supt. of almshouse,	75	00
	Leach & Green, 1 truss for J. Whitley,	5	00
	James Welch, rent of house for James Beck,	10	21
	Town of Yarmouth, supplies to J. A. Baker,	3	75
	“ “ “ coffin for child,	5	00
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	Town of Barnstable, supplies to Sallie Hilliard,	52	00
	F. H. Burgess, coffin for E. Brailey,	6	00
	W. P. Moroney, shoes for paupers,	17	72
	N. P. Swift, beef for almshouse,	86	01
	A. C. Fish, wood to Mrs. Shuster,	8	75
	A. W. Hoxie, 9 cord of wood,	21	25
	Isaiah Fish, 10 “ “	25	00
	Seth P. Jones, 6 “ “	24	00
	J. McCann, supplies to S. Chase,	17	50
	J. Leonard, medical attendance,	16	00
	Swain, Earle & Co., 1 chest of tea,	10	25
	F. C. Ellis, blacksmithing,	7	12
	Chas. Dillingham, 1 cord of wood for Mrs. Shuster,	5	00

1878.
Jan.

Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Abigail N. N. Fox,	\$58	25		
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Julia McHugh,	25	10		
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Joseph Edwards,	46	15		
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing Mary Smith,	19	78		
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing, Sarah A. Nickerson,	44	00		
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing to Chas. Hamblin,	54	55		
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, for board and clothing of David Turpie,	22	50	270	33
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W. R. Gibbs, beef to almshouse, outside paupers,	26	60		
Heman Nye, repairing shoes for paupers,	12	90		
J. McCann, supplies to S. Chase,	8	75		
Mrs Lydia N. Bowman, for nursing M. A. Gilman,	12	00		
Asa Meiggs, 2 cord of wood,	10	00		
L. D. Anthony, & Co., dry goods for almshouse,	8	74		
O. H. Howland, supplies for almshouse,	11	87		
City of Boston, supp's to Louisa M. Allen,	\$72	00		
" " " " Ellen Sweeny,	96	00		
" " " " Francis Woods,	49	38	217	38
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A. A. Duffy, rent of house for Wm. Dalton,	6	50		
H. G. O. Ellis, supplies to M. Chadbourne,	\$4	12		
" " Mary E. Mews,	7	00		
" " James Beck,	16	59		
" " Lewis Phinney,	57	54		
" " James Parks,	6	24		
" " Zenas Hoxie,	7	25		
" " Jesse Allen,	1	69		
" " Children of				
" " B. W. Fish,	10	00		
" " Mrs. Bowes,	1	23		
" " F. McParlin,	84			
" " F. Lovell,	5	05		
" " Betsy Kelley,	1	50		
" " M. McGuinney,	15	00		

Jan.	H. G. O. Ellis, supplies to Ann Malia,	3 08	
	" " Mrs. A. Shuster,	23 00	
	" " Mrs. Edward		
	Montague,	2 25	
	" " Ann Woods,	31	
	" " M. Sheehan,	1 25	
	" " G. E. Reeves,	13 01	
	" " H. P. Lovell,	5 00	181 95
	" " Almshouse,		275 72
	" cash allowed paupers and sundry		
	expenses on pauper account, ser-	262 16	
	vices as Overseer of Poor for the		
	year 1877,	128 50	
	J. H. Stevens, extracting teeth for paupers,	3 00	
	O. R. Swift, supplies to Isaac Robbins,	4 00	
	S. O. Ellis, digging grave and killing hogs,	9 50	
	A. Morris, rent of house for A. Shuster,	16 00	
	E. S. Whittemore, rent of house for M. Chadbourne,	19 50	
	Isaiah Fish, 10 yds. duck for almshouse,	2 50	
	Asa Raymond, supplies to Thos. Adams,	\$16 00	
	" " Mrs. E. Raymond,	16 00	
	" " " board, Jane Wright,	8 00	40 00
	Estate of Wm. Spring, wood to A. Shuster's family,	8 50	
	A. F. Swift, supplies to Mrs. Estes,	25 50	
	Chas. B. Jones, 5 7-8 cords of wood,	27 93	
	C. M. & F. Clark, supplies to Mrs. Gilman,	\$8 00	
	" " " Mrs. A. Malia,	6 00	14 00
	H. B. Chase & Sons, 50 bushels corn,	35 00	
	J. W. Hobart, attendance of Mrs. Gilman,	16 96	
	H. V. Spurr & Son, sup'ls to Susan Bassett,	26 87	
	" " F. McParlin,	18 00	
	" " J. Hoey,	8 00	
	" " E. Brailey,	14 00	66 87
	Town of Nantucket, aid to Mrs. Maria Barlow,	21 00	
	Town of Gardner, aid to James E. Hathaway,	53 45	
	Charles Dillingham, services as Overseer of Poor,	53 00	
	" " cash paid travelling expenses		
	on account of paupers,	8 50	
	Isaiah Fish, services as Overseer of Poor,	25 00	
	Total amount of Pauper account,	\$7,064 82	

We have given the different items of this account as they appear upon books and bills, but as before stated, for a sub-division of same, refer to report of Overseers. The amount of stock on hand per inventory at Almshouse at date is \$898.61.

Road Account.

1877.		
Feb.	Cash pd. Geo. H. Weeks, snow bill, 1877,	\$27 40
	S. C. Howland, " "	7 30
	T. M. Eldridge, " "	4 16
	D. D. Nye, " "	22 66
	S. S. Ryder, " "	3 00
Mar.	N. Nye, " "	8 95
	" repairs, 1876,	7 00
	Robert Cole, snow bill, 1877,	3 75
	Chipman Fish, " "	9 30
	C. Eldridge, " "	8 43
	Geo. H. Weeks, " "	2 70
Apr.	B. Lovell, " "	11 17
	Estate of Seth Pope, land damages, 1875,	10 00
	P. H. Robinson, snow bill, 1877,	20 82
	S. B. Wing, " "	17 83
	E. C. Jones, " "	7 81
	S. H. Nye, " 1876,	35 37
	E. Carey, 300 loads of sand,	14 00
	Benj. F. Ewer, snow bill, 1877,	27 80
	Jos. Ewer, " "	38 84
	S. S. Maxim, repairs &c., 1876,	7 75
	C. F. Howard, snow bill, 1877,	72 76
	S. S. Ryder, repairs, &c., " "	15 86
	Wm. Swift, " " "	19 83
	R. J. Ryder, " " "	13 13
	Seth P. Jones, " " "	14 80
June	O. C. Wing, land damage Avery road Pocasset,	25 00
	Thomas R. Nye, working road at No. Sandwich,	102 50
	James C Gibbs, " " "	90 00
	I. N. Keith, snow bill, 1877,	15 96
Aug.	S. S. Ryder, repairs, " "	55 45
	M. Tinkham, " " "	7 00
	Chipman Fish, " " "	57 00
	D. D. Nye, " " "	88 82
	S. P. Jones, " " "	64 52
	N. P. Swift, sand and labor, 1877,	19 92
	S. R. Ellis, repairs, " "	3 08
	Levi Swift, " " "	3 75

Aug.	Nathan Nye, repair bill, 1877,	38 11
	“ “ for cedar posts, “	14 25
	Bradford Gibbs, repairs, “	10 35
	Chas. D. Swift, “ “	14 25
	Wm. Swift, “ “	47 07
	Wm. A. Barlow, snow bill, “	11 42
	B. W. Lovell, working Quaker meeting house road,	64 50
	Wm. A. Barlow, repairs, 1877,	112 38
	Benj. S. Covell, “ “	67 61
	“ “ snow, “	3 08
	Mason White, repairs, “	1 35
	Reuben Lovell, land damages road to N. Sandwich,	20 00
Sept.	Chas. L. Wood, repairs, 1877,	15 15
	S. H. Nye, “ “	35 91
	D. H. Edwards, railing, “	6 00
Oct.	M. Day & Co., drain pipe,	3 78
	Reuben Lovell, land da'ge additional at N. Sandwich,	15 00
	Seth S. Burgess, repairs, 1877,	44 96
	H. Dillaway, one-half curbing,	18 75
	Joseph Ewer, repairs, 1877,	40 28
	D. H. Baker, land taken in widening road at Head of the Bay, about one acre,	60 00
	D. Haskell, building one-half of bridge over Santuit River,	100 00
	E. C. Jones, repairs, 1877,	56 10
Nov.	Benj. Lovell, repairs, 1877,	78 12
	B. & S. Glass Co., 99 loads of cinders,	9 90
	Jedediah Briggs, repairs, 1877,	40 60
	G. Howland, lumber for walk to beach,	20 82
	Wm. Fessenden, repairs, 1877,	6 00
	J. Brailey, “ “	4 35
	Thos. M. Eldridge, “ “	103 77
	John Black, “ “	3 00
	B. Lovell, making road at Santuit bridge,	30 00
	M. Tinkham, making road at herring pond,	485 00
	B. S. Crocker, wall and filling at Santuit bridge,	178 62
	Wm. E. Boyden, snow bill, 1877,	12 16
Dec.	Robert R. Fuller, work on Santuit bridge,	2 90
	S. H. Nye, repairs, 1877,	7 60
	S. B. Wing, “ “	47 08

Dec.	Isaiah Fish, repairs, 1877,	3 97
	Wm. Swift, " "	64 20
	Philip Egger, " "	9 37
	S. R. Ellis, " "	3 08
	F. R. Cahoon, " "	9 00
	Wm. Ellis, " "	5 70
	Jas. C. Gibbs, " "	10 00
	G. Howland, lumber for Scorton bridge,	70 51
	" " S. H. Nye,	7 86
	S. P. Jones, repair bill, 1877,	16 57
	Benj. Lovell, working and loaming road at Head of the Bay,	137 50
	D. D. Nye, repairs and digging down hill at R. R. crossing, at Pocasset,	69 63
	James Bassett, snow bill, 1877,	1 50
	Seaside Press, printing,	3 75
1878. Jan.	P. H. Robinson, repair bill, 1877,	43 17
	Chipman Fish, " "	14 14
	E. C. Jones, " "	37 90
	H. G. O. Ellis, stationery and nails,	99
	" cash paid for digging snow, &c.,	10 91
	T. H. Tobey, repair bill, 1878,	5 25
	H. T. & I. N. Keith, cinders and lumber,	2 70
	I. N. Keith, repair bill, 1877,	4 50
	" snow bill, 1877,	1 67
	Levi Swift, scraper damage,	3 00
Total,		\$3,332 51

Appropriations.

For Roads,	\$2,500 00	
New Roads,	1,000 00	3,500 00
Amount expended less than appropriation,		\$167 49
Total cost of No. Sandwich, Herring Pond Road,		\$712 50
Head of the Bay,	"	197 50
Quaker Meeting House,	"	64 50
Santuit Bridge,	"	311 52

State Aid to Jan. 1st 1878.

Bethiah Holway,	\$48 00
Bridget Gaffney,	48 00
Eliza A. Ellis,	48 00
Elizabeth F. Chipman,	48 00
Francis C. Swift,	72 00
John M. Perry,	72 00
Margaret McKowen,	48 00
Mary A. Ellis,	48 00
Nancy Eldridge,	96 00
Phebe Wood,	48 00
Reliance Avery,	48 00
Sarah S. Swift,	48 00
Ann Woods,	48 00
Dorcas Fuller,	48 00
Rosanna Dalton,	48 00
Wm. W. Bourne,	48 00
Wm. P. Kelley,	48 00
Daniel W. Tribon,	18 00
Total,	<hr/> \$930 00

Contingent Account.

1877,		
Feb	Cash pd. Moses Pond & Co., for 3 registers,	\$22 50
	Z Lumbert for protection of oysters,	2 70
	Auditing committee, 1877,	20 00
	M. Tinkham, for posting town warrants,	6 25
	J. Keenan, for fighting fire, and use of teams, 1874,	25 00
	Chas. Dillingham, for services as Selectman and Assessor, Mar. 1st 1876 to Mar. 1st 1877	72 00
	Russell Blackwell, for services as constable,	5 00
	Allen & H. C. Fish, fighting fire, Sept. 1875,	14 00
	F. U. Lovell, for mason work at town hall,	4 88
	Mason White, for appraisal of land at Spring Hill,	1 50
	Sandwich Savings Bank, for payment of loan authorized by vote of the town Sept, 1st 1876, for payment on acct. of the Paul & Marvel road,	900 00
Sept.	John O'Connell, for labor at town hall,	3 60
	H. O. Stratton, for hinges “	7 65
Oct.	G. Howland for lumber “	169 66

Nov.	U. F. Sherman, for labor	6 00
	Seaside Press, for printing town reports, &c.,	91 50
	Wm. C. Chipman, for labor at town hall,	75 28
	M. Tinkham, for services as constable,	2 00
Dec.	County tax, for year 1877,	1,383 14
	Commonwealth of Mass. for liquor licenses,	87 50
	State tax, for year 1877,	1,215 00
	H. Lovell, for care of town hall, 1 year.	15 00
	J. C. C. Ellis, blacksmithing for town hall,	11 64
	G. Howland, 1 window, and labor at lock-up,	2 25
	B. B. Briggs, inside painting town hall,	90 00
	E. T. Pope, for services as constable,	14 00
	F. U. Lovell, for labor at town hall,	17 25
	O. H. Howland, "centennial" box,	3 00
	J. B. Hall, for labor at town hall,	65 96
	Cutter & Parker, for doors for town hall,	21 38
	Wm. E. Braman, for services as constable,	15 00
	H. G. O. Ellis, nails, screws, butts, &c., town hall,	10 84
	“ services as Selectman and	
	Assessor for the year 1877,	125 50
	“ recording births, deaths, and	
	marriages for 1877,	45 85
	“ services as Town Clerk and	
	Treasurer, for 1877,	125 00
	“ “ paying State Aid,	10 00
	“ postage, stationery, freight, &c.,	28 23
	“ interest in full at Sandwich	
	Savings Bank,	41 13
	C. E. & E. T. Pope, for wood, 1873,	4 25

Abatements.

1877		
Aug.	Howard Stockton,	\$7 80
	Nathan Cahoon,	78
	Kendall & Howes,	3 12
	Robert Tobey,	7 80
	Hiram Ellis,	78
	Jesse F. Phinney,	12 48
	Heirs of Thomas Ellis,	1 86
	Edward Nichols,	28 07

Charles A. Hoxie,	2 34	
Wm. E. Boyden,	7 80	
Geo. L. Fessenden,	7 80	
C. M. & F. Clark,	4 68	
Reuben Collins,	12 48	
Heirs of Sarah Nye,	9 36	\$107 15

1878
Jan.

Abatements to Isaiah Fish \$288 80, as follows :

Stephen Atkins,	\$29 11	Benj Ewer, 2d,	\$2 00	
Jesse F. Allen,	6 00	Benj, Fish,	4 57	
Nathl. Allen,	4 00	Bradford Gibbs,	13 06	
Walter S Blackwell,	2 00	Rob't. Gibbs heirs,	1 60	
Wm. J. Brady,	2 00	Russell Gibbs,	29 76	
Ansel Bourne,	2 00	Chas. Gibbs,	4 00	
Geo. H. Bourne,	2 00	J. B. Grady,	4 00	
Geo. Bennett,	11 20	T. Hacketts heirs,	2 40	
Morrill Bassett,	4 00	Alvin P. Howes,	2 00	
Hannah Chipman,	2 40	Levi F. Hamblen,	2 00	
W. F. Chadwick,	2 00	Levi Harris,	2 00	
James H. Conley,	2 00	Garbett & Wood,	4 53	
Joshua Chase,	4 00	Robert Jennings,	2 00	
Stephen McCabe,	2 00	Wm. Lovell,	3 60	
Geo. E. Dillaway,	2 00	J. J. McLaughlin,	2 00	
J. Donovan,	6 80	Nicholas Lobus,	2 00	
Frank Dennis,	4 00	Con. O'Leary,	2 00	
Perez Eldridge,	14 00	John Maley,	80	
Terrence Murphy,	4 00	Patrick Swanzey,	8 00	
Michael J. Montague,	8 00	Peter Swanzey,	2 00	
Edw'd K. Montague,	8 00	James Spinney,	3 20	
P. Neiters Heirs,	7 80	Eben Swan,	2 00	
S. H. Norris,	2 00	Wm. Talbot,	2 00	
J. S. Newcomb,	2 00	Philip Thacher,	2 00	
J. C. Phinney,	6 00	F. P. Wright,	2 00	
Geo. W. Perry,	2 00	I. Wright heirs,	8 00	
Ezra G. Perry,	2 00	Noah Wright,	5 20	
F. McParlin,	7 20	Pat. Whalen,	2 00	
N. Packwood, Jr.,	2 00	A. J. White,	2 00	
F. Raymond,	2 00	Wm. Vinal,	11 57	\$288 80

Total of Contingent paid,

\$5,157 39

The above total of contingent expenses includes payment of the loan of \$900, due the Savings Bank, for which a special appropriation was made, also expenses of alterations and improvements at Town Hall, which somewhat exceeded amount appropriated, but the greatly improved appearance and safeguards against loss of life in case of fire, and addition to comfort, we think more than compensates for the expense laid out, and no citizen will probably object to the cost. The account also includes State and County Tax to amount of \$2,598 14.

Treasurer's Account.

H. G. O. ELLIS, Treasurer,		Dr.
1877.		
Feb. 1,	To Balance of cash on hand,	\$3,332 69
5,	Cash rec'd of town of Barnstable for L. Phinney,	34 61
9,	" Brewster, for J. Robbins,	40 49
	" " Mrs. F. Haskell,	47 40
22,	" Harwich, Shuster & Eldridge,	145 85
28,	Cash rec'd for calf at almshouse,	8 00
Mar. 23,	" of Alfred W. Brown, Inspector,	3 34
27,	" W. C. Perry, Peddlars License,	10 00
Apr. 5,	" E. S. Whittemore, on acct. of	
	M. J. Wood,	1 75
7,	" Mrs. C. Parks,	2 50
13,	" for rent of hall,	3 00
74,	" Drain Pipe,	5 20
May 18,	" of I. Fish, Collector of Taxes, 1876,	1,752 31
12,	" City of Boston, Grinnell,	110 00
16,	" Wm. Swift, for Oxen,	101 00
30,	" for rent of hall,	3 00
June 5,	" " "	3 50
26,	" of C. Donovan, for Liquor License,	150 00
July 3,	" J. Jennings, " "	150 00
14,	" J. Beck, Flour	1 50
Aug. 16,	" " "	50
23,	" Mrs. H. T. Gray,	24 00
30,	" J. M. Whitley,	11 00
Sept. 4,	" I. Fish, Collector of Taxes, 1876,	1,413 17
6,	" F. B. Holway,	75 00
10,	" E. H. Burgess, Peddlars License,	10 00
Oct. 4,	" B. F. Bearse, " "	10 00
12,	" for rent of hall,	2 00
Nov. 17,	" of H. Nye, for Barrels,	2 85
24,	" I. Fish, Collector of Taxes, 1876,	453 77
26,	" W. C. & I. K. Chipman, rent of	
	Hall, 1875-6,	50 00
30,	" C. B. Hall, for Liquor License,	50 00
Dec. 3,	" State Treas., Corporation Tax,	
	Nat. Bank Tax, State Aid,	2,375 25
Sept. 22,	" S. C. Howland, Coll'r Tax's, 1877,	4,863 42

Nov. 5,	Cash rec'd of S. C. Howland, Coll'r Tax's, 1877,	3,643 17
10,	" " "	2,309 02
Dec. 7,	" " "	3,300 00
29,	" Isaiah Fish, " 1876,	767 07
19,	" Rent of Town Hall, 1877,	3 00
31,	" S. C. Howland, Coll'r of Tax, 1877,	1,300 00
^{1878.} Jan. 11,	" C. H. Nye, Co Treas., Dog Fund,	266 59
18,	" J. B. Hall, Rent of Hall,	35 00
25,	" Massachusetts School Fund,	220 77
26,	" City of Boston, on acct. of M. E. Mews,	7 25
31,	" A. Joseph White,	3 41
	" F. McParlin, acct. of rent,	15 00
	" Isaiah Fish, Coll'r. Tax, 1876,	506 55
	" S. C. Howland, " " 1877,	1,390 44
Total,		<u>\$29,014 37</u>

Contra Credit.

By State Aid paid to Jan. 1, 1878,	\$930 08
Amt. paid for Schools,	11,794 51
" Roads,	3,332 51
" Contingent,	5,157 39
" Paupers,	7,064 82
	<u>28,279 23</u>
Balance of Cash on hand Feb. 1st 1878,	<u>\$735 14</u>

Collector's Account.**ISAAH FISH, Collector, Dr.**

To Bal. of <i>taxes uncollected</i> Feb. 1st 1877,	\$7,102 33
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By Cash paid Treas. May 15th 1877,	\$1,752 31
" Sept. 4th "	1,413 17
" Nov. 24th "	453 77
" Dec. 29th "	767 07
" Jan. 31st 1878,	506 55
	<u>4,892 87</u>
Balance due,	<u>\$2,209 46</u>

SOLOMON C. HOWLAND, Collector, Dr.

To amount of taxes placed in his hands as per
bills as follows :

For State Tax,	\$1,215 00	
County Tax,	1,383 14	
Schools,	8,500 00	
Support of Paupers,	5,000 00	
Roads,	2,500 00	
New Roads,	1,000 00	
Repairs of Town Hall,	300 00	
Paym't of Note due Sandwich Savings Bank,	900 00	
Contingent Expenses,	2,500 00	
Overlayings on Taxes,	368 36	\$23,666 50

Contra Credit,

By Cash paid Treas. Sept. 22d 1877,	\$4,863 42	
“ Nov. 5th “	3,643 17	
“ Nov. 10th “	2,309 02	
“ Dec. 7th “	3,300 00	
“ Dec. 31st “	1,300 00	
“ Jan. 31st 1878,	1,390 44	16,806 05
Balance due from S. C. Howland, Collector, Feb. 1st 1878,	\$6,860 45	
“ “ “ Isaiah Fish, “	“	\$2,209 46

***Amount Paid Town Officers During the Year
Ending Feb. 1st 1878.***

H. G. O. Ellis, for serv's as Selectman and Assessor,	\$125 50	
“ “ Clerk and Treasurer,	125 00	
“ “ Overseer of the Poor,	128 50	
“ Recording Births, Deaths, Marriages,	45 85	\$424 85
Chas. Dillingham, for serv's as Supt. of Schools,	\$300 00	
“ “ Selectman & Assessor,	72 00	
“ “ Overseer of Poor,	53 00	425 00
Isaiah Fish, for services as Overseer of the Poor,		25 00
“ “ Selectman & Assessor, bill not rendered,		
		\$874 85

The above report is in compliance with the vote of the town, but as the term of office extends from Mar. 1st to Mar. 1st, it is difficult to obtain the correct amount for the current year.

*Financial Condition of the Town of Sandwich
Feb. 1st 1878.*

Balance of Tax due from Isaiah Fish, for year 1876,	\$2,209 46
“ “ S. C. Howland, “ 1877,	6,860 45
Expected Reimbursement of State Aid,	930 00
Stock on hand for Poor as per schedule of Overseers of Poor,	898 61
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	735 14
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	\$11,633 66

Summary.

From the above we extract the following Summary.

The Town has cash in hands of the Treasurer,	\$735 14
“ Taxes uncollected for the year 1876,	2,209 46
“ “ “ 1877,	6,860 45
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Total,	\$9,805 05

The above \$9,805 05, provided the Taxes should all be collected, is all we have to meet the expenses of the Town from the present time, to September, when the taxes are usually given out for collection.

The \$930 expected reimbursement of State Aid, will not be returned until December 1878, and will then be credited to the State Tax for the present year and cannot be used to defray town expenses.

It will be thus seen, that the available resources at the present time, are less than for several previous years, while the depression and general stagnation of business still exists, and unless affairs should show an improvement for the better, the expenses of the Pauper Account especially, will probably be full as large as that of the past year and perhaps in excess. And referring to the Pauper bills, the Committee would suggest, that though all possible and proper aid should be rendered the indigent, some action should be taken by the Town for remedying this growing evil, as constantly increasing expenditures for the purpose, makes the burden of Taxation fall very heavily upon a certain portion of our community who are of limited means.

Your Committee would therefore advise that no new enterprises in any department be entered upon, that are not *absolutely* necessary for the welfare of our citizens, and that we should strive to endeavor to keep the various town expenses within the limit of the appropriations so far as is possible, and consistent with the best interests of the Town.

By referring to the report it will also be observed that one very heavy item of the Town expenses at present, is the cost of persons supported by the Town at the Lunatic Hospital. The Committee would suggest that a considerable saving might be effected by building an addition or fitting up a portion of our almshouse for the especial accommodation of such of the insane as could be transferred here without detriment to their mental condition; and think that any amount expended for the purpose would be amply repaid in a short time by decreased cost for maintenance.

The Treasurer has used all means possible, by advertising and otherwise, to call in outstanding bills, and the total amount of such remaining unpaid, is probably smaller than for any previous year and will not probably exceed from five to six hundred dollars

The small amount of cash in the hands of Treasurer, compared to previous years, is partly accounted for by the payment for the New School Houses and for extraordinary repairs on others.

Your Committee recommend the following appropriations for the coming year :

For Schools and Repairs of School Houses,	\$7,000 00
Paupers,	6,500 00
Roads,	2,500 00
Contingent,	3,000 00
Overlayings,	300 00
Total,	<hr/> \$19,300 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE HARTWELL, } Committee
ISAAC N. KEITH, } on Finance.

Report of the Assessor's.

Total number of Polls assessed,	767
Increase from last year,	17
Total Tax on Polls,	\$1,534 00
Valuation of Real Estate,	1,119,050 00
Decrease from 1876,	3,350 00
Valuation of Personal Property:	299,700 00
Increase from 1876,	13,900 00
Rate of Taxation, \$15.60 on \$1000.	
Total Tax for Town, County and State purposes,	23,666 50
Decrease from last year,	364 50
Number of Dwellings,	804
Increase from 1876,	11
Number of Horses taxed,	306
Decrease from 1876,	16
Number of Cows taxed,	405
Decrease from 1876,	48
Acres of Land taxed,	46,331

ISAIAH FISH,	}	Assessors
H. G. O. ELLIS,		of
CHARLES DILLINGHAM,		Sandwich.

Report of the Overseer's of the Poor.

The expenditures for Aid to the Poor for the year ending January 31st 1878, are as follows.

Expenses at Almshouse,	\$2,064 21
Outside Aid to persons having settlement in this town,	1,962 15
Aid in other Cities and Town's to persons having settlement in this town,	767 42
Aid to persons having settlement in other Cities and Town's residing in this town,	569 18
Amt. of board of Insane persons at Taunton Lunatic Hospital,	1,305 62
For Fence at Almshouse around Yard for the Insane,	117 38
Miscellaneous Expenses,	267 86
E. D. Parker, Bill for Tramps,	11 00
Total,	\$7,064 82

What has been supplied at Almshouse.

Groceries and Provisions		\$702 32
Corn,		186 00
Fish,		58 78
Clothing,		163 44
Coal,		13 75
Yoke of Oxen,		145 00
Pigs,		18 25
Wood,		146 00
Burial Expenses,		16 75
Wire Screens for Windows,		17 00
Alterations and Repairs,		62 80
For Miscellaneous matters,		234 12
Superintendents Salary,		300 00
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		\$2,064 21
To Supplies on hand Jan. 31st 1877,		954 68
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		\$3,018 89
By Supplies on hand Jan. 31st 1878,		898 61
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		\$2,120 28
Cr. By Yoke of Oxen sold Wm. Swift,	\$101 00	
Calf, "	8 00	
Cash received for flour,	2 00	
" " " barrels,	2 85	
" " of J. M. Whitley,	11 00	124 85
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		\$1,995 43
Cost of Tramp's lodged,		24 10
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		\$1,971 33

Supported in Almshouse.

David Fuller.	Ascenath Meiggs.
Joseph Marsh.	James M. Whitley.
Heman Dillingham.	Mary J. Jackson.
Sarah Nightingale.	George E. Weeks.
Kate Ellis,	Robert Swanzey.
Sarah Collins.	Michael Murphy.
Freeman E. Swift,	Catherine O'Leary.
Sylvina Barlow.	Oliver C. Nye.
James Crangle.	Henry R. Ewer.
Susan Gibbs.	Julia McHugh.
Nelson Eldridge.	Mary Smith.
Almeda M. Pierce.	Elizabeth Wares.

The average cost per week for each person, \$2.03. Average number in almshouse for the year 1874.

Stock on Hand Feb. 1st 1878.

Yoke of oxen, 2 cows and calf,	\$234 00
Wagon and cart,	70 00
4 Pigs,	40 00
Farming tools,	35 00
Corn and meal, (20 bushels),	14 00
11 tons english and salt hay,	119 00
Beans,	2 00
Wood and coal,	150 50
15 hens,	6 00
Molasses, (30) gals,	8 00
Fish,	14 75
Flour,	14 00
Beef,	10 50
Pork and hams, (700 lbs.),	63 00
Turnips and potatoes,	33 60
Sugar,	8 00
Groceries,	8 30
Rice, dried apples, tea, crackers, rye,	31 10
Lard and butter,	36 86
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	\$898 61

Aid to Persons belonging in this Town Outside of Almshouse.

Alfred Morris, to pay passage to England,	\$32 00
Zenas H. Hoxie,	22 75
Bridget Ginney,	29 50
Francis McParlin,	140 09
Mrs. Jacob Wood,	5 19
Frank Lovell,	52 80
B. W. Sears,	35 28
Mrs. Wm. Estes,	140 50
Moses, and Henry Clay Nye,	18 73
Levi Harris,	91 25
Dolly Nye,	40 79
Joseph White,	14 50
James Parks,	6 00
Ann Malia,	58 58
Annie Swanzey,	97 63
Wm. Dalton,	75 10
Ebenezer Raymond and wife,	52 00

Thomas Adams,	52 00
James Beck,	156 62
Michael Hoey,	52 00
Children of B. W. Fish,	10 00
Maurice Sheehan,	28 67
Susan Bassett, to May 1st 1877,	48 32
Mrs. M. N. Bowes,	10 24
Betsey Kelley,	1 50
Jesse Allen,	1 69
Ann Woods,	7 06
John McLaney,	38 00
Mrs. H. L. Perry.	43 00
Mrs. Doran,	1 40
Mrs. Creech,	117 50
Mrs. James Dalton,	65 00
James Wright,	36 81
Simeon Chase,	177 25
Moses Chadbourne,	144 77
Two others,	30 50
Hattie Bennett,	8 92
Mrs. David Burgess,	3 50
Joshua Chase,	1 00
Phebe H. Eldridge,	4 50
Mrs. F. Eaton,	3 00
George H. Clark,	76
Patrick Smith,	3 70
Mary J. Woods,	1 75

Total, \$1,962 15

**Amount of Aid to Persons having settlement in this Town
but residing in other Cities and Towns.**

Louisa M. Allen, in Boston,	\$72 00
Francis Woods, " "	49 38
Ellen Sweeney, " "	96 00
Alfred Gibbs, in town of Easton,	47 60
Joseph A. Baker, " Yarmouth,	8 75
Sally Hilliard, " Barnstable,	52 00
John D. Wright, " Bridgewater,	31 00
J. Connell's child, burial expenses,	4 00
Ruth Hinckley, town of Canton,	79 03
Eliza A. Ball, city of Cambridge,	27 80
C. Burgess, town of Marion,	110 00
Edward Montague, city of Somerville,	45 00
Joseph E. Hathaway, town of Gardner,	53 45
Mrs. Levi Barlow, " Nantucket,	21 00
B. W. Manimon, " Wareham,	71 01

Total, \$767 42

Lunatic Hospital, Taunton.

Abigail N. N. Fox,	\$252 05
Julia McHugh,	171 90
Joseph Edwards,	184 10
Mary Smith,	172 02
Sarah E. Nickerson, wife of Lorenzo D. Nickerson,	115 65
Alfred Riorden,	49 00
Charles W. Hamblin,	338 40
David Turpie,	22 50

Total, \$1,305 62

Outside Aid in Town, to Persons Having Settlement in Other Cities and Towns.

John M. Holway, Barnstable,	\$10 00
Lewis Phinney, "	57 54
Mary Eliza Mews,	7 25
Edwin Brailey, Middleboro',	6 00
Preserved Brailey, Freetown,	24 00
Clarinda Morse, Middleboro',	24 00
Frank J. Dill,	25 71
Isaac Robbins, Brewster,	29 51
Mrs. Francis Haskell, Brewster,	33 75
Edgar E. Grinnell, Boston,	110 00
Mrs. Abram Shuster, Harwich,	89 50
George Reeves, Fairhaven,	13 01
Nancy Eldridge, Harwich,	88 45
Marcia Gilman, Marshfield,	50 46

Total, \$569 18

Tramps.

E. O. Parker, bill for 22 tramps,	\$11 00
241 lodged and fed at almshouse,	24 10

Total, \$35 10

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Expenses of keeper going to Tewksbury for Elizabeth Wares,	\$11 21
Expenses of bringing Pauper from New Bedford,	2 73
Expense of carrying Insane persons from and to Taunton Hospital,	28 05
Boston Store, sundries,	2 46
Travelling Expenses,	8 41
H. G. O. Ellis, services as Overseer of Poor,	128 50
Charles Dillingham, services as Overseer of Poor,	53 00
" " travel to New Bedford, Taunton and Marion on Pauper matters,	8 50
Isaiah Fish, services as Overseer of Poor,	25 00

Total, \$267 86

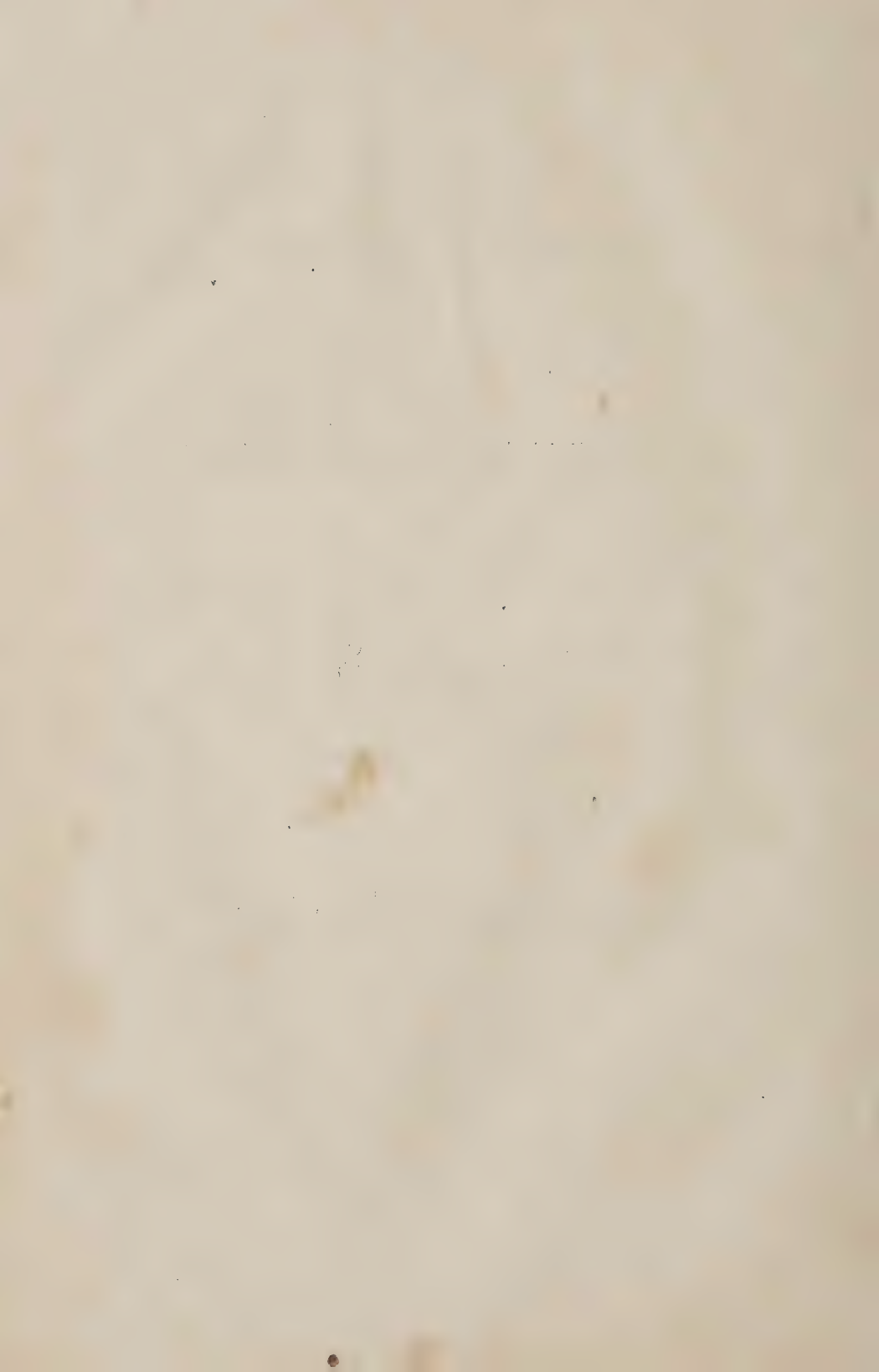
Total amount expended,		\$7,064 82
Cr. By Town Appropriation,	\$5,000 00	
Cash of Town of Barnstable L. Phinney,	34 61	
" Brewster, Haskell and		
Robbins,	87 89	
" Harwich, Eldridge and		
Shuster,	145 85	
Cash of City of Boston, Mary E. Mewes,	7 25	
" Mrs. Charles M. Parks,	2 50	
" Mrs. H. T. Gray,	24 00	
" James White,	3 41	
" City of Boston, E. E. Grinnell,	110 00	
" Frances McParlin, acct of Rent,	15 00	
" Amount credited almshouse,	124 85	
" Mary J. Woods of E. S. Whittemore,	1 75	
" Amount now due from other towns,	561 93	
Balance,	945 78	\$7,064 82

It will be seen from the above, that the cost of the Poor for the year ending Jan. 31st, after deducting all that has been received from various sources and the amount received from other towns, has been \$5,945.78, an excess above the town's appropriation of \$945.78.

The calls for aid have been more numerous than usual. The expense at the Lunatic Hospital is unusually large, \$1,305.62 having been paid the present year. Insanity is certainly one of the most terrible calamities that can befall a human being; and everything should be done that is possible to aid recovery; but when patients have been pronounced incurable by the Hospital Physician, and their removal permitted, neither justice nor humanity requires them to be kept there longer. We have caused to be removed to the almshouse two such, the present year; where they are made as comfortable, in all respects, as at the hospital. There are two or three others that should be removed as soon as suitable accommodations can be provided, which will involve an expense of from two to three hundred dollars. Should the town adopt the present system of working the highways, we advise the appointment of but one surveyor for the three central districts, and he be instructed to employ as far as possible the able-bodied men, whose families are dependent upon the town for support. What the future will develop is impossible to foresee, but at present we see no way to avoid a large expense on account of the poor. \$6,000 seems a very large sum for a town of 3500 inhabitants to expend in this direction. Already a large portion of our people of small means, are feeling very severely the burden of taxes. We invite the thoughtful attention of our tax-payers, not only to this department of town affairs, but to all others; that we may be prepared, at the annual meeting, to act intelligently and wisely. If the above suggestions can be carried out, we think an appropriation of \$5,500 is all that will be required.

CHARLES DILLINGHAM,	} Overseers
ISAIAH FISH,	
H. G. O. ELLIS,	
	} of
	} Poor.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT
OF
SCHOOLS,
ALSO
FINANCIAL STATEMENT,
FOR THE YEAR 1877-8.



REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT.



*To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the School
Committee :*

It is sometimes said that the Public Schools—judging from the reports of committees—should long ago have reached a state of perfection. But whatever progress may be claimed to have been made, it is very apparent there yet remains much to be done before we can claim this high distinction ; and I apprehend that with all our efforts, we shall find that a perfect school will keep constantly in advance of our experience. Yet the work in our schools, during the past year, has not been without good results and has generally been satisfactory ; their present condition, with few exceptions, affording cause for gratification and encouragement.

The schools are constantly changing in their membership, classes pass out yearly giving place to others who in turn pass on, to make room for their successors. These repeated changes often make a complete revolution in their character, frequently not for the better. For this cause unjust comparisons are made between teachers and methods of instruction, and censure imputed where none is due.

There are periods in the history of most of our schools to which parents like to refer as the "golden age," when there were large classes of elderly scholars who were interested in their work and to whom the teacher devoted a large share of his time and attention. These gave a character to the schools, which, perhaps some of them do not now possess. Thirty-five years ago there were in South Pocasset two schools, each numbering more than forty scholars; of these, at least one-fourth were over fifteen years of age; the two schools combined, number now but twenty-five, (only three) being over fifteen. But I know from personal knowledge, then and now, that the school as a whole, has a more thorough knowledge of the ground it has been over, than at the time mentioned. This is but one of the many cases that might be cited; the same is true to a greater or less extent with all the schools in town.

There have been but few changes in our corps of teachers during the year, the larger part having taught the same school for a succession of terms and some for a number of years. There is a marked difference in the progress of these schools over those in which changes of teachers occur so frequently. When a good teacher is secured, he should be retained; the few dollars that may be saved by employing another of a cheaper grade often proves a costly experiment. A poor teacher is expensive at any price. It is gratifying to state that our supply of teachers comes very largely from our own town, and we trust the time is not far distant, as it certainly should not be, when our wants may be supplied entirely within our own borders.

CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOLS.

The recommendation made in the last report for a union of the schools at Spring Hill, Cedarville and Scorton was adopted by the town at the annual meeting in March and has been carried into effect, by removing the house at Scorton and locating it to accom-

modate all residing east of the old Cedarville house. It has been remodeled, thoroughly repaired and refurnished, making a very pleasant and convenient room. It was not thought advisable to remove either of the other houses; consequently a new one has been built and located to accommodate what was the Spring Hill and the western part of the Cedarville District. The old house at Cedarville has been purchased by the people in that vicinity for a public hall. There are now but two schools in the eastern part of the town numbering about twenty-five scholars each, in pleasant and convenient rooms, and we have yet to learn of a single individual who feels injured by the change.

At the annual meeting in November a committee was chosen and empowered by the town to do whatever it thought best in devising and perfecting a union of the schools at Farmersville and Wakeby. This committee acted promptly and effectively, and at once contracted for a new house to accommodate both schools. These changes have been made at a cost to the town of about \$2500; a yearly saving of \$550, aside from the extra expense of keeping five houses in repair rather than three. This we think completes all that can consistently be done in uniting schools. Much has been said on this subject in years past, of the waste of money in maintaining so many small Schools by some, and a jealousy, on the part of others, of any change that should necessitate their children going farther to reach them.

The old district system has wisely been abolished. "The schools are now the common property of the town supported by a common tax. Every child can legally claim equal advantages arising from the common fund created for the benefit of all." The children living in sparsely populated sections of the town should not suffer; it is their right to have what others have, provided it does not cost more per scholar; but we think no one can fail to see the injustice of giving one child, living in one section, two dollars, while another receives but

one ; particularly if the cost of the school attended by the former can be made to approximate in expense, the one attended by the latter, and made better in all respects, by simply saying to the first child that he must walk a fourth or even a half mile farther to reach it.

REPAIRS.

The repairs recommended on the houses at West Sandwich and Monument, and the reseating the primary room at Jarvesville have been completed under the direction of the several local committees, at a cost for each, which will be found in the financial statement.

It will be necessary to make quite extensive repairs on the house at Pocasset (Furnace) the present year. New hard pine floors will be required for the upper room, both halls and stairs, new desks and chairs in part, and at least one coat of paint on the outside, a fence around the lot, and a wood room. An appropriation of \$250, is recommended for these purposes.

It is also advised that a committee be appointed at the annual meeting to examine the house at Greenville, with a view to thoroughly repair or build anew.

USE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR OTHER THAN SCHOOL PURPOSES.

The town voted some years since that the school houses, might be "used for all Educational and Religious purposes." I am confident that in some localities the school rooms receive more injury by being thus opened for public meetings in the evening, than during the sessions of the schools. The practice is, with but one or two exceptions, to leave the rooms open after the P. M. session of the school, until the hour for the evening meeting, with no one, except perhaps, a young lad to have any care or responsibility whatever. The consequence is, the rooms are entered by rude boys, books and slates are taken from the desks, torn or broken; the furniture defaced and otherwise injured;

the floors made a depository for nut shells, apple cores and other filth, exhibiting an appearance in the morning, when opened for school, of having been used for most any purpose rather than "Educational or Religious." Moreover the buildings are exposed to danger by fire, which would vitiate any insurance policy the town may hold.

The only remedy, is for the town to take decided action and forbid the School Houses being used in the evening, unless some suitable person, appointed by the local committee, sees to the opening and closing of them at proper hours, and is present during every such meeting, the expense to be defrayed by the parties using them.

REPORTS OF THE SEVERAL SCHOOLS.

As it has been some years since a detailed report of the schools has been rendered to the town, I have thought it best to do so at the present time. As such reports always involve more or less criticism of teachers, I have aimed to be impartial in pointing out defects and conferring praise; and have mentioned nothing but what duty seemed to require.

SCORTON.

This school embraces what was the Scorton and the Eastern half of the Cedarville District. It is a mixed school and ranks higher in scholarship than most schools of the same grade; its general appearance is always pleasing to the visitor, induced by the quiet attention of the pupils, and the neat and cheerful aspect of the room. It has been taught for the past two years by Miss Mercie F. Percival who is doing good work.

Number of scholars during the year,	27.
Average attendance for the year,	18.

SPRING HILL.

This school embraces what was the Spring Hill and Western half of the Cedarville Districts. It was for a number of years and up to the union last Fall, under

the instruction of Mr. D. F. Chessman; a teacher of long and successful experience. While the school was in his charge, quite a number were admitted to the High School, none failing in their examinations. It ranks well in scholarship and has considerable very excellent material. Since the union it has been under the instruction of Mr. B. G. Bartley, a recent graduate of the High School, who bids fair to excel in his profession. Perhaps in no section of the town is there a more helpful parental influence than here and at Scorton. Whole number of pupils 29, average for the year 25.

JARVESVILLE.

There are here two schools, Primary and Intermediate; composed chiefly of the children of the operatives in the glass works, who attend quite regularly while in the Primary department, and make good progress; but very many, as they become old enough to aid in the support of the family, parents feel obliged to keep from school a considerable portion of the time. Irregularity in attendance has always been a great obstacle to the progress of the older scholars. The primary room has for several years been in charge of Miss S. M. Woods, who works faithfully and accomplishes all that can be expected in so large a school. Miss Sarah T. McLaughlin has for a succession of years occupied the teachers chair in the Intermediate room and will continue to do so we trust, for many years to come. She has ability, tact and a peculiar fitness for this department, in fact, is always completely "master of the situation."

Whole number in the Primary room,	65.
Average for the year,	43.
Whole number in the Intermediate room,	44.
Average for the year,	36.

SCHOOL STREET.

These schools and that known as the West School are the most perfectly graded of any in town. They

are divided into four grades, viz: Sub-Primary, Primary, Intermediate and Grammar. Children enter the Sub-Primary at five years of age, where they usually remain two years, learning to read, spell and count, print the letters of the alphabet, and to write their names in script; they are then promoted to the Primary. Here they are taught reading, writing, spelling, mental arithmetic and geography; they then pass to the Intermediate, where they pursue the same course from more advanced text books, and written arithmetic, also english grammar taught orally. They then enter the Grammar School and pursue the same course with the addition of history and English grammar taught from text books. The teachers in the several departments have had considerable experience and are generally doing good work. Miss Katie Kelley who had charge of the Sub-Primary for a succession of terms was compelled, on account of ill health to resign her position in the middle of the summer term. Miss Kelley by her untiring and successful devotion to her duties won for herself a desirable reputation as a Primary teacher and her retirement was regretted by all who had an interest in the school. The vacancy was filled in the Fall by Miss M. E. Gregory under whose instruction it is making fair progress.

The Primary and Intermediate departments—the former in charge of Miss C. H. Sears, the latter of Mrs. E. K. Chipman—are model schools. The order in both is nearly perfect; and the rooms always neatly kept; the teachers thoroughly in earnest and devoted to their work. The results under such circumstances are never doubtful. The Grammar school, for many years previous to the present, has had two teachers—usually a gentleman principal and a lady assistant. Owing to the large decrease in the number of scholars in this and in the High School, the first class was removed to the Academy, where its members recite to the Assistant of the High School, yet in no sense are they members of that school except in its discipline. This change has so

diminished the amount of labor in the Grammar School, that from the beginning of the present school year, there has been but one teacher. Miss R. R. Newcomb, who for several years had charge of the Intermediate room was appointed principal, and we feel confident her long experience and ability will secure good results.

Number of scholars in the Grammar School,	48.
Average attendance for the year,	34.
Number of scholars in the Intermediate,	50.
Average attendance for the year,	33.
Number of scholars in the Primary,	51.
Average attendance for the year,	29.
Number of scholars in the Sub-Primary,	65.
Average attendance for the year,	37.

WEST SANDWICH.

This school has two departments, Grammar and Primary. The former for the last year and a half has been taught by Miss M. A. Gustin, a lady of ability and refinement who at once gained the respect and confidence of her pupils. A decided improvement is very apparent in the character of this school. A few of the parents are beginning to see that it is not enough to appoint a committee to provide comfortable rooms and employ teachers, but that they must know by personal observation that the work in the schoolroom is well done. The school ranks as well as the average in scholarship and has furnished some of the very best material in the High School.

The Primary School is taught by Miss E. Perkins, who commenced her work with no experience, but is succeeding very fairly. There is much irregularity in attendance which would discourage any teacher, whose heart is in her work.

Number of scholars in the Grammar School,	28.
Average attendance for the year,	22.
Number of scholars in the Primary School,	29.
Average attendance for the year,	19.

NORTH SANDWICH.

This is a mixed school, taught during the past year by Miss E. Rogers, succeeding Miss T. W. Jenkins, who had charge of it for three years; under whose energetic management it attained a high degree of excellence. Parents in this locality are ever ready to co-operate with the teacher in whatever is for the welfare of the school, never refusing to supply their children with the necessary books or whatever may be required, and manifesting their interest by frequent visits to the school room. Miss Rogers is sustaining in a good degree its past reputation.

Number of scholars for the year,	37.
Average attendance for the year,	26.

BAY.

This is a small Mixed School, and has a large number of classes. It is almost impossible to excite any great degree of enthusiasm in small classes, and such schools seldom reach a high standard of scholarship. It is not to be understood that this school is exceptional in this respect, the same is true of most mixed schools; yet a great deal can be accomplished if the teacher has tact, and works conscientiously; realizing that she has duties to each of her pupils, to do all she can for them. We think Mrs. Gray, the present teacher, in all her work has this end in view. The scholars are quite regular in their attendance, and for the most part seem interested in their work. The room is very pleasant and convenient and generally neatly kept; but we regret to say that it has not been so well cared for in times past as it should have been, judging from the broken and defaced furniture.

Whole number of scholars for the year,	25.
Average attendance for the year,	16.

MONUMENT.

This school has two departments Primary and Grammar. The Spring and Fall term of the latter were

taught by Miss M. E. Sherman who conducted it with a fair degree of success. The character of the school during the winter term is entirely changed; it then resembles very much the old fashioned village school of forty years ago; the young people from all parts of the village, coming in to partake of the instruction given; pursuing quite a wide range of studies, giving to it a rank in scholarship not excelled by any Grammar School in town. In the selection of a teacher for the present term (Mr. Andrew Woods of Winchester, a recent graduate of Harvard) it has been very fortunate. Mr. Woods brings to his work an earnest purpose to excel in his chosen profession, and gained the respect of his pupils from the start. It is too early perhaps, to predict results, but when teacher, pupils and parents work together, success will certainly follow. For the past two years the winter terms have been much interrupted by sickness, and we regret to learn that such is the case now,—the measles prevailing to quite an extent,—which accounts for the small average attendance.

The Primary Department is in charge of Miss L. E. Alden, who is doing excellent work. The school is quite large and the attendance is usually good. Sickness has very much reduced the average during the present term.

Whole number of scholars in the grammar school,	50.
Average attendance for the year,	21.
Whole number of scholars in the primary school,	35.
Average attendance for the year,	20.

SOUTH MONUMENT.

This is a small mixed school; now under the charge of Miss T. W. Jenkins, who is conducting it with her usual tact and energy. The scholars appear to be interested in their work, are very respectful to their teacher, cheerfully complying with all her demands. There is also a regularity and promptness in attendance highly commendable and not excelled by any other school. If some of our friends residing in other localities, would

visit this school, they would see, what is sometimes called a "hard school" managed successfully even by a "lady."

Whole number of scholars for the year,	28.
Average attendance for the year,	18.

POCASSET (FURNACE).

During the last four years this school has had nine teachers, including one who resigned at the end of a week, on account of ill health. As it takes at least a half month for a stranger to become thoroughly acquainted with her pupils and well organized for work, we can readily estimate how much of the time has been nearly lost. Is it at all surprising that complaints are made of a lack of interest on the part of pupils and parents, and a low standard of scholarship? As I shall elsewhere discuss the question of the selection of teachers, I will only say here, that what this school needs and must have, before it can take the position its friends desire, is a live, thoroughly earnest teacher and a hearty co-operation of the parents. When such a teacher is found she must be retained for a succession of terms, and years if possible. During term time the school must be the chief thing, the principal business for all attending it, nothing except sickness should interfere with its duties. When such a state of things exists—and there is no reason why they should not—the school will at once assume a new aspect and not before. By a mistake on the part of the local committee the Fall Term, taught by Miss K. T. Clark, was continued for eleven weeks, when a change of teachers was made, leaving but nine weeks for the Winter Term; a time altogether too short for any teacher to accomplish much. Miss A. N. Shelley the last teacher is said to have had successful experience in private schools, but it was very evident from the first that the school was not in line with her taste or ability, and I was not at all surprised that she resigned her position at the end of six weeks.

In future, I recommend that during the Winter term the school be divided, and two teachers employed, should the school be as large as it is now. There is quite a large class of boys, who have only the privilege of the winter term, and they cannot receive the attention which is rightly their due.

Whole number of scholars for the year, 46.

Average attendance for the year, 29.

SOUTH POCASSET.

The custom here is to secure good teachers and retain them as long as possible. Miss M. E. Ellis, the present teacher, has held the position nearly three years of the four that the school has been under my supervision. The results are such as might be expected; children and parents are interested, the school work goes on systematically and quietly. The room is always neat and pleasant, and happy faces greet you whenever you visit it.

Whole number of scholars for the year, 25.

Average attendance for the year, 16.

GREENVILLE.

This is a small school and most of the scholars are quite young. It has been taught the past year by Miss Annie A. Gibbs, who is discharging her duties with a good degree of success.

Whole number of scholars for the year, 21.

Average attendance for the year, 14.

WAKEBY AND FARMERSVILLE.

There were schools put in operation here in the Spring and continued for three months, with an average attendance at Wakeby of seven; at Farmersville of three. A school was also commenced at Wakeby in November and continued until about the first of February, when it was transferred to the new room. The average attendance while in the old building was three. The teacher of the union school, (Miss L. S. Delano), has had successful experience in both schools before

they were united, and gave satisfaction to Superintendent and parents.

Parents in this section have now all the essentials for a good school. A new room equal in all respects to any in town, and an experienced and acceptable teacher. It remains for them to decide whether the teacher shall be encouraged in her work by the presence of the children, or disheartened by their continued absence, thus depriving them of inestimable opportunities.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The same teachers are employed now as in years past. Our opinion of the character of their work is not changed. We believe the school to be as worthy the confidence of the public as at any time during its history. A class of five completed the course of study prescribed, and graduated the present year. The names of the class are as follows :

Sarah Emeline Chamberlain, Helen Frances Wood,
William Aloysius Ball, Robert Tobey Faunce
John Calvin Packard.

Number of scholars belonging to the school	
during the year,	39.
Average attendance for the year,	31.
Grammar School class :	14.
Average attendance,	12.

SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF TEACHERS.

When the town abolished the District System, it was thought advisable that the patrons of the schools, should retain, as far as possible, the authority to appoint their own teachers, subject to the concurrence of the Superintendent and the examining board; the conclusion being, that they would be more efficient in securing competent teachers than a disinterested party could possibly be; consequently a board of fifteen—one for each school—was chosen, in whom was vested the power to nominate the several teachers. This arrangement

has succeeded very well in most instances. Whoever undertakes this duty will undoubtedly make some mistakes. Would be teachers are as plenty as "roses in June." Applications for a "position in some small school" are constantly being received. It is a very easy matter to appoint one of these—particularly if the applicant have relatives or acquaintances in the neighborhood—who may even pass a creditable examination and yet utterly fail as a teacher. But it is quite another thing to secure the services of one who has knowledge and tact in governing and teaching, and enters upon the work, realizing its responsibilities.

In appointing a teacher, the first duty is toward the school, never toward the individual. Neither the importunities of friends nor the necessities of the candidate, should for a moment be heeded, if the probabilities are against his success. Children cannot afford to lose even one term of the time allotted to fit themselves for the responsibilities of manhood and womanhood, even if this loss were all; but it may take months for a school to recover from the mismanagement of an incompetent teacher, in fact, the child may imbibe such an aversion for his school, that he may never enter its doors without recalling painful remembrances of his past experience. The arrangements of the school-room and everything pertaining to it may be ever so perfect; there may be the most careful and intelligent supervision, unless the teacher has the elements of success within himself, in other words, unless he is a "born teacher," his efforts will certainly end in disappointment and failure.

The following suggestions touching the interests and future welfare of the High School, prepared by the Principal at our request, we submit to the careful thought of its patrons and friends:

Since the last annual report of the Superintendent, no material change has taken place in the condition and

progress of the High School. Essentially the same features prevail now as then, yet in several respects, the teachers look forward to the future with great solicitude. To make our school strong and vigorous, we must provide for those evils which beset it, and turn aside the evil tendencies which, if allowed to grow, will slowly, but surely, undermine its influence, and in spite of the earnest efforts of its teachers, will produce a reaction which much labor and many years will not avail to remedy. Seeing these errors, and appreciating their debasing effects, let us wisely set ourselves against them, and stoutly resist those influences which are pregnant with evil, and which end only in disaster.

The first of these evils to which we refer is the unsatisfactory preparation which our scholars receive in our Grammar Schools. The greater portion of the first year after promotion to the High School, is devoted, from necessity, to those studies which belong more particularly to the domain of the Grammar department, and which by absorbing one fourth of our time, necessarily renders our course cramped and crowded. The time assigned for a careful, systematic training in the course of studies prescribed for our High School is none too great, and care should be taken that it be in no manner trenched upon by studies foreign to its department. A fair degree of proficiency should be attained in Arithmetic before a scholar is permitted to peep into the mysteries of Algebra; a good idea of our noble English Language should be acquired before our pupils should begin to wrestle with the declensions and conjugations of the ancient Latin; the land and water divisions of our earth should be thoroughly understood before we begin to reach out into the realms of space for other worlds; in a word, the basis of a good, general education in the common English branches should be laid before we push our scholars forward to grapple with the subtle theories of more comprehensive studies.

Another evil which threatens us is the admission of scholars to our schools at an age too tender to under-

take the studies spread before them. If we look for success in our High School we must have scholars whose age and ability will be commensurate with the work to be done. Our experience has proved conclusively to our mind, that *age* is an important element to be considered in the promotion of scholars to this grade. Many pupils begin their new studies with every promise of success; they enter upon their new fields of investigation with commendable energy and vigor; their first recitations manifest an interest which is creditable to the scholar and encouraging to the teacher; but their minds, not sufficiently strengthened by age, and perhaps not quite sufficiently molded by previous training, soon gave way beneath the strain, and they are compelled to fall behind and wait for a more favorable opportunity for a fresh start. By failures of this kind our school is robbed of some of its best material, which becomes painfully manifest in the small proportion who continue to the end, and round their school life by a successful and honorable graduation. But in this respect our school is not an exception to the general rule. The ratio of those who graduate to those who enter, is, I think, as great with us as with other schools of like grade, but if we can make our school more efficient by taking into consideration this element of *age*, by all means let us do it.

But by far the most pernicious evil which affects our school is *absenteeism*. Too much cannot be said in condemnation of this grievous fault. The earnest cooperation of parents with the efforts of teachers and committee can alone destroy the effects of this baneful influence. One habitual absentee can do more harm to a school than is generally supposed. Perhaps it seems a trifling thing to some indulgent parent if he grants his child's request to "stay at home," but the injury done both to the scholars and the school by his mistaken act of kindness may be felt for weeks and months. No scholar, when once enrolled as a member of a school, especially of our grade, has any moral right,

unless in case of sickness; to be absent a single day, or even from a single recitation. His school and his school duties should be his absorbing care. When we realize that our school days are short, and that they are the golden opportunities given us for improvement, we ought not to shrink from any duty which will secure a constant and punctual attendance of our children. We appeal to parents to abstain from granting any requests for absence, unless when absolutely necessary. Stimulate in your children a love for their school and for their books, and in every way supplement the efforts of your teachers in making the school room, next to the home, the most pleasant and agreeable of places. The influence of parents is too little felt in our schools; seldom do they visit them, to encourage the pupils by their presence, or, from personal observation, to arrive at a just estimation of their merit and their usefulness. There is no branch of our town affairs which lies, or ought to lie, so close to the heart of our people as our schools, and we are convinced that when the subject is understood and appreciated as it ought to be, more care will be exercised by parents and guardians in sending their children early and punctually to school. Let nothing but the most imperative duty absent a scholar from school. Let parents give their children to understand that their school must be their chief concern; that during term time, both in school and out of school, all their energies, as far as their health will permit, must be devoted to preparing those exercises which the teacher requires; that in every way, by punctuality, by deportment, by promptness and accuracy in recitation, they must support and encourage their teachers in their noble work, and our High School will be worthy of the name, not only in theory, but in its broad and practical usefulness.

If our scholars devote only the time during school hours to their lessons, our work must be roughly and imperfectly done; at home they must apply themselves as diligently and as earnestly as at school, and father

and mother should interest themselves enough in their children to see that a fair share of their time at home is employed in preparing for their duties at school. In no manner would we be understood as abridging the time of pupils for recreation and sport; we believe thoroughly in the grand benefits derived from vigorous and healthful exercise; but we would have the time for study and for amusement so divided that the body might be strengthened and the mind developed without any interference between the two.

One word upon another subject of vital importance both to parents and scholars. Much of our High School work is of such a nature that the good which it is designed to do may be easily counteracted by influences outside. We cannot, therefore, be too anxious, or too vigilant, in guarding the interests of those committed to our care. Let parents and teachers most earnestly and heartily array themselves in opposition to the growing love among our youth for the light and trashy literature of the day, and earnestly recommend to their consideration such works as strengthen and develop the mind, and give greater familiarity with those authors who, by their labors, have made the English Language the noblest the world has ever seen.

During the year the attendance at the High School has been very fair, but not quite up to the point where the teachers wish to see it. Those scholars who live at a distance are usually the most prompt in their attendance and the most devoted to their studies. We appeal to the parents of those who live in the vicinity of the school, to see that their children are more punctual in their attendance than heretofore, so that our report in this respect, may show a decided improvement for the year to come.

The following is the record of those most regular in attendance during the year :

	First Term.	Second Term.	Third Term.	Total.
William G. Wing,	0	0	0	0
Louise L. Savery,	0	1	0	1
Annie W. Chamberlain,	1-2	1-2	1-2	1 1-2
Lizzie L. Savery,	0	2	0	2
Mary E. Wing,	1	0	1	2
Sarah L. Chipman,	1	1	0	2
Charles I. Nye,	0	2	0	2
Susie L. Fessenden,	5	0	0	5
Alfred E. Dillingham,	1	2 1-2	2	5 1-2

Financial Statement.

The total amount appropriated for school purposes including repairs, is as follows :

Town grant,	\$8,500 00
Income from Massachusetts school fund,	220 77
Dog Tax,	266 59
School house at Cedarville sold,	75 00
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	\$9,062 36

Expenditures.

The items in this account are classified to show the cost of each school.

Scorton School in Old House.

M. F. Percival, teacher,	\$180 00
Fuel and preparing,	18 24
Care of house,	13 00
Repairs,	4 25
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	\$215 49

Spring Hill.

Local Committee, W. C. CHIPMAN.

D. F. Chessman, teacher,	\$207 50
B. G. Bartley, “	80 00
Care of house,	16 00
Repairs,	4 55
Fuel,	8 00
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	\$316 05

Cedarville School in Old House.

Local Committee, F. B. HOLWAY and DAVID ARMSTRONG.

Annie A. Gibbs, teacher,	\$75 00
B. G. Bartley, “	90 00
Care of house,	15 00
Fuel and Repairs,	4 25
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	\$184 25

Jarvesville.

Local Committee, S. T. McLAUGHLIN.

S. M. Wood, teacher,	\$270 00
S. T. McLaughlin, teacher,	280 00
Fuel,	44 90
Care of house,	56 88
Repairs,	12 75
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	\$664 53

School Street.

Local Committee, CHARLES DILLINGHAM.

Katie L. Kelley, teacher,	\$75 00
C. H. Sears, “	192 50
C. W. Holbrook, “	331 44
R. R. Newcomb, “	282 50
Minnie Davis, “	55 80
M. A. Gregory, “	75 00
L. L. Chipman, “	72 00
Fuel,	88 44
Repairs and T. H. Tobey's bill for cinders,	30 36
Care of house,	53 04
Cleaning,	8 00
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	\$1,264 08

West Town.

Local Committee, JOHN H. STEVENS.

L. S. Delano, teacher,	\$82 50
M. A. Gregory, “	90 00
C. H. Sears, “	80 00
Fuel,	18 02
Care of house,	24 00
Repairs,	5 03
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	\$299 55

West Sandwich.

Local Committee, HIRAM CROWELL.

M. A. Gustin, teacher,	\$314 50
E. K. Perkins, “	155 00
Fuel,	40 07
Repairs and cleaning,	7 15
Care of house,	26 00
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	\$542 72

North Sandwich.

Local Committee, CHARLES H. BURGESS, 2d

T. W. Jenkins, teacher,	\$70 00
M. E. Rogers, “	229 00
Repairs,	16 05
Care of house and cleaning,	18 00
Fuel and preparing,	30 23
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	\$363 28

Monument.

Local Committee, DAVIS PERRY.

A. S. Denison, teacher,	\$120 00
Mary S. Sherman, teacher,	180 00
E. L. Bourne, “	60 00
Miss Alden, “	56 00
Care of house,	22 00
Repairs,	8 85
Cleaning,	5 85
Fuel,	57 25
Sundries,	5 74
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	\$515 69

South Monument.

Local Committee, NATHANIEL S. BURGESS.

C. H. McFarland, teacher,	\$222 00
T. W. Jenkins, “	48 00
Care of house,	19 60
Fuel and preparing,	29 59
Repairs,	4 00
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	\$323 19

Head of the Bay.

Local Committee, S. S. RYDER.

E. E. Rogers, teacher,	\$64 00
Mrs. H. T. Gray, teacher,	150 00
Fuel and preparing,	16 30
Care of house,	16 00
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	\$246 30

Pocasset Furnace.

Local Committee, CHARLES J. WOOD.

M. E. Fellows, teacher,	\$225 00
Kate T. Clark, “	88 00
Care of school house,	16 00
Repairs,	19 17
Fuel and preparing,	9 59
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	\$357 76

South Pocasset.

S. B. Perry, teacher,	\$110 00
L. B. Alden, “	84 00
M. A. Ellis, “	70 00
Care and cleaning,	10 45
Fuel,	12 45
Repairs,	4 25
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	\$291 15

Wakeby.

Local Committee, ANDREW T. HARLOW.

N. C. Linekin, teacher,	\$70 00
Vinnie B. Bourne, “	84 00
Lina Chamberlain, “	28 00
Care of school house,	14 00
Fuel,	9 75
Cleaning and clock,	7 00
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	\$212 75

Farmersville.

B. G. Bartley, teacher,	\$84 00
F. M. Tinkham, "	74 20
Fuel,	3 10
Care of school house,	11 00
Repairs,	1 73
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	\$174 03

Greenville.

Local Committee, ISALAH FISH.

Annie Leary, teacher,	\$70 00
Annie A. Gibbs, teacher,	90 00
Fuel and preparing,	13 50
Care of school house,	5 50
Repairs,	4 50
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	\$183 50

High School.

Benjamin Cook, Principal,	\$1,160 86
C. M. Bassett, assistant,	350 00
Fuel,	51 59
Care of school house,	45 00
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	\$1,607 45

Wakeby and Farmersville New House,

M. C. Waterhouse, bill as per contract,	\$745 00
Spouts for cistern,	5 00
Painting woodshed, and coal,	8 00
Clearing lot,	19 50
Cistern,	16 00
C. H. Burgess as committee,	4 00
Carting seats,	2 00
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	\$799 50

New House at Scorton

M. C. Waterhouse as per contract,	\$575 00
Painting woodshed &c.,	11 00
Fence,	45 00
David Armstrong's bill for grading and committee services,	40 68
F. B. Holway's " " " "	15 50
Cost of seating,	116 75
Chairs and curtains,	10 10
Lumber of G. Howland by D. Armstrong committee,	1 82
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	\$815 85

New House at Spring Hill.

Hubbard and Blackwell,	\$665 00
“ “ on outside doors,	4 50
Cost of lot,	100 00
N. C. Hoxie & W. C. Chipman, grading lot;	16 15
Painting woodshed, &c.,	9 00
O. H. Howland, for stove pipe &c.,	17 37
Seating,	127 40
W. C. Chipman's bill, committee &c.,	10 64
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	\$950 06

Special Repairs.

West Sandwich, lumber, labor and painting,	\$186 93
Monument, “ “ “	267 97
Jarvesville, new desks, freight &c.,	185 81
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	\$640 71

Miscellaneous.

Grim Brothers, books &c.,	\$12 93
Brewster & Tileston, books, &c.,	7 82
George F. Hoxie, conveyance to High School,	12 00
Ella Ellis, “ “ “	16 00
Lydia N. Thompson, “ “ “	16 00
Charles Dillingham, balance of salary as Supt. for 1876,	250 00
“ “ cash paid for express, postage, stationery,	
travel &c.,	9 25
N. Burgess, expense to Wakeby,	6 00
Chas. E. Pope, bill for fuel for 1869 not rendered until 1877,	56 00
Chas. H. Burgess, 2d, services as committee,	10 90
J. L. Shorey, 12 monthly readers,	5 40
Seaside Press, printing reports, blanks &c.,	52 46
B. Holway, Tickets A. Leary to High School,	5 00
G. T. Hoxie, transportation to High School,	5 00
F. H. Burgess, printing &c.,	2 50
J. L. Hammett, school merchandise,	10 13
Ella Ellis, transportation to High School,	15 00
C. B. Hall, books furnished poor and for teachers desks &c.,	53 54
C. Dillingham, salary for year 1877,	250 00
Hiram Crowell, services as special committee,	7 50
H. G. O. Ellis, sundries, insurance, freight &c.,	18 19
John H. Stevens, bill for services,	5 00
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	\$826 62

Recapitulation.

Amount paid teachers,		\$6,775	80
“ “ care of rooms and cleaning,		395	32
“ “ fuel and preparing,		455	27
“ “ repairs,		135	38
“ “ miscellaneous items,		826	62
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		*\$8,588	39
New House at Wakeby and Farmersville,	\$799	50	
“ “ “ Scorton,	815	85	
“ “ “ Spring Hill,	950	06	2,565 41
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Special repairs at West Sandwich,	\$186	93	
“ “ “ Monument,	267	97	
“ “ “ Jarvisville,	185	81	640 71
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		\$11,794	51

The above *(\$8,588.39) less \$250 = \$8338.39 (see auditors account), is what has actually been expended for ordinary school purposes during the year. This amount will be still farther reduced the coming year, by the consolidation of the schools in the south and east part of the town, by the employment of but one teacher in the Grammar department on School Street, and by the reduction of the salary of the Superintendent from \$350 to \$300, also by a reduction of teachers salaries as per vote of the school committee. These items will equal at least \$1000. I therefore recommend that there be appropriated for schools the present year as follows :

For ordinary school purposes and repairs, \$6700.

For repairs on the school house at Pocasset, 300.
which with the income from the Massachusetts School Fund and the Dog Tax, will make an amount of \$7500, which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES DILLINGHAM, Superintendent.

Sandwich, Feb. 9th 1878.

STATISTICS.					Whole Number Scholars during the Year.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Number of Scholars Over 15 years
High School,					39	36	33	92	19
Grammar School class,					14	14	12	87	
Scorton,					26	26	21	81	5
Spring Hill,					29	29	25	86	5
Jarvesville Intermediate,					44	41	36	87	9
“ Primary,					65	52	43	83	
School Street Grammar,					46	41	34	84	8
“ “ Intermediate,					58	37	33	90	
“ “ Primary,					51	37	29	80	
“ “ Sub-Primary,					65	49	38	77	
West Sandwich Grammar,					30	25	22	84	10
“ “ Primary,					28	23	19	82	
North Sandwich,					37	31	29	93	4
Head of the Bay,					25	20	16	80	3
Monument Grammar,					50	30	20	66	20
“ Primary,					35	29	20	70	
South Monument,					28	22	18	82	3
Pocasset (Furnace),					46	35	29	82	9
“ South,					25	20	16	80	3
Greenville,					21	17	14	83	3
South Sandwich,					8	6	5	83	2
					770	620	512	82	83

There were seven hundred and eighty-seven (787) children between the ages of five and fifteen on the first day of May 1877. Seven hundred and seventy (770) have attended school during a part or the whole of the year.

